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MEMORANDUM FOR: Chief, Development Branch, DPD

SUBJECT: Operational Agenda for Meeting with
Kelly Johnson

1. During Mr. Kelly Johnson's forthcoming visit to Headquarters on or about 20 July 1961, this Branch desires to discuss the following operational items with Mr. Johnson:

a. Runway Width:

Is 100 foot concrete width with 25 foot shoulders adequate in view of planned operational conditions; i. e., night take-off and landing, tired pilot returning from 8 to 10 hour mission, low fuel reserve, possible IFR terminal weather conditions?

b. Air/Ground Communications:

What are Kelly's requirements for flight test communications for OXCART? Isn't a part of his requirements a duplication of planned control tower channelization? What of communications security?

c. Chase Aircraft Requirement:

What is concept for use of chase aircraft? What type? How many? Where should they be located? Who will be pilots?

d. Training Aircraft:

Desire his views on type aircraft most appropriate and feasible for flying training of drivers to augment A-12 flying. What of T-38 aircraft?

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e. Aerial Refueling/Rendezvous:

What rendezvous system, if any, is being developed to provide for precision, radio silence rendezvous? What are problems associated with providing for a [REDACTED] Is A-12 oxygen capacity being increased to support a 10 hour mission which will be required using the three refueling concept?

f. Countdown Procedures:

What is estimated timing and sequence for readying aircraft for an operational mission to include requirements for refueling, preflight of aircraft, aircraft systems, and payload? Has a preliminary countdown procedure been developed which provides for quickest possible reaction for mission execution?

2. It is requested that these items be added to the agenda of the forthcoming meeting with Mr. Johnson.

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